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1. During September 1948, the various Reichsbahndirektionen were seriously handicapped in their operations by a shortage of cars which made it impossible for them to take care of all the traffic. As a result of the good potato and grain harvest, an unusually high number of cars was required during this month. The situation was aggravated by the fact that the return of cars from the western zones had come almost to a standstill and that the return of empty cars in general was slow. Magdeburg, for instance, reported that over fifty percent of cars from Berlin were overdue. At times, even shipments for Derutra and the occupation forces suffered delay for lack of available cars. With the exception of RBD ~~Derutra~~, no interzonal exchange of goods was reported.

Reichsbahndirektion Magdeburg

2. Derutra shipments during September 1948:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Amount</u> in tons	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Footgear	19	Burg	Wismar
Building materials (wood)	51	Burg	Frankfurt/Oder
RR ties	25	Burg	Guben
	92	Arendsee	Guben
	76	Kloetze	Rava Ruska
Lumber	201	Haldensleben	Poland
	78	Moeckern	Rava Ruska
	158	Beetzendorf	Denmark
	252	Gardelegen	Poland
Containers (iron)	41	Koethen	Stettin
	51	Thale	Rostock
Crane parts	67	Koethen	Stettin
Machine parts (iron)	120	Magdeburg-Buckau	Rosow
	213	Magdeburg-Harbor	Rosow
	34	Schoenebeck	Brest-Litovsk
	6	Aschersleben	Berlin-Osthafen
	160	Egeln	Stettin

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<u>Article</u>	<u>Amount in tons</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Centrifugal pumps	8	Magdeburg+Harbor	Rosow
Wooden houses	247	Magdeburg-Nord	Brest-Litovsk
	155	Gommern	Brest-Litovsk
	83	Bernburg	Frankfurt/Oder
Parts for prefabricated houses	152	Gernrode	Frankfurt/Oder
	75	Gernrode	Brest-Litovsk
Varnish	45	Magdeburg-Sudenberg	Cottbus
	266	Magdeburg-Sudenberg	Grambow
Saccharine	13	Magdeburg-Suedost	Frankfurt/Oder
Salt	1,687	Marienborn	Barby
	15,168	Marienborn	Schoenebeck
	753	Marienborn	Schoena
Rock salt	1,441	Baalberge	Barby
	490	Baalberge	Berlin-Osthafen
	2,835	Bernburg	Barby
	2,005	Stassfurt	Schoena
	6,043	Stassfurt	Schoenebeck
Wheel/chairs, rubber goods	60	Schoenebeck	Wismar
Paraffin	558	Weissandt-Goelzau	Rostock
	320	Weissandt-Goelzau	Czechoslovakia
Chinaware	42	Gardelegen	Brest-Litovsk
	78	Thale	Wismar
Bathtubs	24	Thale	Brest-Litovsk
Paper goods	28	Aschersleben	Brest-Litovsk
Chloride of lime	292	Egeln	Frankfurt/Oder
Non-ferrous metals	162	Hettstedt	Rostock
Cement	2,700	Nienburg	Fuerstenberg
	4,000	Nienburg	Insterburg
	6,100	Nienburg	Rostock
Boats	10	Nienburg	Brest-Litovsk
Soda	210	Stassfurt	Frankfurt/Oder
Roofing paper	230	Stassfurt	Frankfurt/Oder

## 3. Goods exported during September 1948:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Amount in tons</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Scrap iron	2,303	Poland
	503	Russia
Fiber	330	Russia

## 4. Goods imported during September 1948:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Origin</u>
Lime	150	Poland
Timber	287	Poland
Coke and coal dust	1,054	Poland

Reichsbahndirektion Cottbus

## 5. Goods exported during September 1948:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>
Czechoslovakia	24	Glass
	8	Scrap iron
	27	Lignite tar
Poland	unspecified (1 train)	Reparations goods

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<u>Origin</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>
Poland (via Horka)	1,054	Hard coal and coke
(via Forst)	4,527	Hard coal and coke
(via Guben)	467	Hard coal

7. During the same period, six trains with 321 cars arrived from Poland with German resettlers.

Reichsbahndirektion Dresden

8. Imports during the month of September 1948 consisted of important amounts of hard coal from Poland, a few carloads of crude iron and steel bars from Russia, and shipments of pyrites from Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. During the same period, important quantities of scrap iron were exported to Russia and Poland, in addition to timber and agricultural machines.

Reichsbahndirektion Erfurt

9. Reparations shipments during September 1948:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Amount in tons</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Potash	54,055	Wismar
	22,628	Stralsund
	2,886	Stettin
	15,963	Fuerstenberg
	2,906	Insterburg
	3,216	Brest-Litovsk (Russia)
Glauber's salt	7,339	Wismar
Timber	327	Wismar
	576	Rava Ruska
	2,545	Warnemuende
Cement	320	Wismar
	180	Berlin-Teltow
	6,151	Rostock
	2,535	Fuerstenberg
	7,285	Insterburg
Furniture	345	Brest-Litovsk
	20	Wismar
	50	Insterburg
Chinaware & glassware	140	Brest-Litovsk
	10	Wismar
	10	Warnemuende
Earthenware	166	Brest-Litovsk
Bicycles	60	Rostock
	104	Insterburg
Motorcycles	56	Brest-Litovsk
	46	Brest-Litovsk
	15	Stettin
Typewriters	16	Rostock
Electrical goods	5	Rostock
Scrap iron	49	Magdeburg
	195	Berlin-Osthafen
	951	Stettin
	2,007	Brest-Litovsk
	786	Rava Ruska
Fruit	164	Berlin-Osthafen
Machines	825	Stettin
	358	Brest-Litovsk
RR ties	96	Rava Ruska

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<u>Article</u>	<u>Amount</u> in tons	<u>Destination</u>
Automobiles	256	Stettin
	30	Rava Ruska
	275	Brest-Litovsk
Coal	1,920	Stettin
Sanitary equipment	188	Stettin
Gear wheels	15	Stettin
Spar	45	Inssterburg
	720	Brest-Litovsk
Slate	15	Rava Ruska
Bricks	2,772	Brest-Litovsk
Cars for narrow-gauge railroads	1,267	Brest-Litovsk
Wooden houses	1,749	Brest-Litovsk
Bridge parts	155	Brest-Litovsk
Textiles	35	Brest-Litovsk
Spirits	120	Brest-Litovsk
Miscellaneous goods	849	Brest-Litovsk

## 10. Goods exported during September 1948:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Amount</u> in tons	<u>Article</u>
Czechoslovakia	3,645	Plaster
	30	Salt
	55	China and glassware
	3,371	Potash
Poland	7,814	Potash
<del>Kaating</del>	3,078	Scrap iron
	13	Glass
	18	Sulphate
	3,645	Plaster
Switzerland	225	China and glassware
Denmark	10	Glassware
Norway	10	Typewriters
Austria	5	Household goods
Yugoslavia	468	Potash

11. During the same month, 494 cars were received from the western zones, namely 484 by way of Gerstungen/Hoenebach, and 10 cars via Probstzella/Ludwigstadt, while 245 cars left for the western zones, i.e. 170 cars via Gerstungen and 75 cars via Probstzella. In addition, 10,384 men, released from prisoners of war camps in Russia, travelled to the western zones, while 6,642 released prisoners of war from the west returned to the eastern zone.

Reichsbahndirektion Greifswald

## 12. Goods exported during September 1948:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>No. of Cars.</u>	<u>Article</u>
Poland	193	Scrap iron and timber for mines
Switzerland	103	Refrigerators, timber, iron, waste paper, benzol, wire, and miscellaneous goods
Hungary	16	Cellulose, rags, and miscellaneous goods
Czechoslovakia	148	Cellulose, fish oil, iron, machines, rags, fish, egg powder
Austria	45	Sulphite lye, rags, iron bars, chemicals, and miscellaneous goods
Italy	1	Iron and steel goods
Sweden	337	Miscellaneous goods

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<u>Destination</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>
Sweden	337	Miscellaneous goods
<del>Russia</del>	484 *	Vehicles, RR ties, roofing tiles, lumber, wooden houses, requisitioned goods, fittings, cables, pipes, <del>scrap iron</del> , scrap iron. (Troop movements also included.)
<del>Russia</del>		
Poland	3,261	Derutra shipments, made up of machine parts, gasoline, bar oil, salt, potash, cement, lumber, scrap iron, and miscellaneous goods

## 13. Goods imported during September 1948:

<u>Origin</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>
Poland	37	Hard coal and coke
Sweden	2	Herring, and goods for the Leipzig Fair
	315	Unspecified
	5	Crude iron
Russia	51	Textiles, earthenware, miscellaneous goods
Czechoslovakia	265	Chemicals, wire, pipes, sheet iron, iron goods, glass and chinaware, machines and machine parts, earthenware, and misc. goods
Switzerland	14	Machines and machine parts, yarns, and glassware
Hungary	2	Iron pipes, mineral residues
Austria	2	Magnesite, shaped iron
Italy	3	Yarns, rubber goods

Reichsbahndirektion Schwerin

## 14. Reparations shipments during September 1948:

<u>Transshipment Point</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>
Rostock	657	Cement	256	Machines
	136	Paraffin	95	Automobiles
	69	Wall tiles	53	Cable
	48	Buna	38	Wool yarn
	60	Barrels	25	Textiles
	23	Rubber goods	22	Electrical goods
	21	Corundum	21	Caustic lime
	18	Fittings	15	Bicycles
	16	Grain cleaning machinery		Soda
	166	Misc. goods	ery	
Wismar	4,368	Potash	256	Boards
	268	Misc. goods	150	Sugar
Warnemuende	310	Cement	94	Wall tiles
	31	Machines	40	Electrical goods
	21	Corundum	45	Textiles
	76	Bicycles	37	Automobiles
	268	Misc. goods		

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## 15. Other goods exported during September 1948:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>No. of Trains</u>	<u>Article</u>
Russia	5	Scrap iron
	2	Cement
	3	Prefabricated wooden houses
	1	Wall tiles
	1	Dismantled machines and equipment
Denmark	480	Lumber
	7	Paper
	3	Miscellaneous goods
	3	Seeds
	2	Goods from Czechoslovakia

## 16. Goods imported during September 1948:

<u>Transshipment Point</u>	<u>Amount in tons</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Amount in tons</u>	<u>Article</u>
Rostock	10,792	Iron	5,980	Pyrites
	617	Butter	1,280	Herring
	350	Cellulose	178	Sheep wool
	600	Chemicals	1,264	Miscel. goods
Wismar	1,240	Fertilizer		
Warnemuende	400	Copper		
	53	Cellulose		
	179	Crude rubber		

17. Interzonal traffic during September 1948 via British <sup>✓</sup>Zone:

Exports

- a. via Herrnburg 2 trains with goods for Denmark
- b. via Schwanheide 4 trains with goods from Czechoslovakia
- 33 cars with coal from Upper Silesia

Imports

- a. via Herrnburg 9 trains with Poles being repatriated
- b. via Schwanheide 1 train (22 cars), goods in transit for Czechoslovakia

## 18. Goods shipped by boat during September 1948:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>No. of Ships</u>	<u>Article</u>
Russia		
a. via Rostock	7 steamers	Reparations goods
	1 sailboat	Reparations goods
b. Via Wismar	3 steamers	Sugar
	1 steamer	Miscellaneous goods
c. via Warnemuende	2 steamers	Reparations goods
	1 sailboat	Reparations goods
Scandinavian countries		
via Wismar	65 sailboats	Potash
	24 steamers	Potash
	2 steamers	Glauber's salt
	10 sailboats	Glauber's salt
	4 sailboats	Plaster

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Reichsbahndirektion Halle

## 19. Goods exported during September 1948:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>
Russia	6	Grain	40	Lumber
	452	Construction material	159	Chemicals
	189	Metals	1,566	Scrap iron
	189	Miscel. goods	861	Military equipment
Czechoslovakia	13	Chemicals		
	34	Miscel. goods		
Italy	4	Chemicals		
Yugoslavia	1	Metals		
Switzerland	1	Metals		
	1	Miscel. goods		
Poland	736	Coal	3	Wood
	358	Gasoline	30	Chemicals
	876	Scrap iron	3	Metals
	85	Miscel. goods		
Norway	2	Metals		
Austria	5	Miscel. goods		
Various countries via Stettin	396	Coal	6	Construction material
	506	Scrap iron	131	Chemicals
	257	Metals	27	Miscel. goods

Reichsbahndirektion Berlin

## 20. Shipments to Russia and Poland during September 1948 by way of Frankfurt/Oder:

a. Occupation traffic 4,481 cars 53,572 tons (contents unspecified)  
b. Ordinary traffic 6,234 cars 74,808 tons (contents unspecified)

Imports from Russia and Poland during September 1948:

a. Via Kuestrin  
Ordinary traffic 191 cars 2,251 tons

b. Border point unspecified  
Ordinary traffic 2,519 cars 43,224 tons (contents unspecified)  
Occupation traffic 989 cars 9,396 tons (contents unspecified)

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